

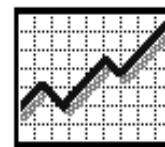
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The OJA Justice Data Services Newsletter is published three times a year (February, June and October). We shall attempt to provide you with useful information about our data systems and services and occasionally about data trends and other research. If you have any comments or suggestions for future articles, please let us know. Feel free to address your comments to any of our staff listed below.

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We've also had the pleasure of working with Lynn Schwoerer who joined OJA staff in December 2001, filling a program assistant/receptionist position. Lynn works on many of the programs at OJA, including UCR. Lynn has a lot of experience, having worked many years as a receptionist in the education field. Lynn currently lives in New Glarus, WI, which is in Green County.

Staff Changes

There are four new faces amongst the Statistical Analysis Center staff here at OJA. **Aura Brosnan** was hired in early November to replace Tom Eversen as coordinator of the UCR program. We were lucky to have Aura begin at OJA before Tom left. Aura grew up in Milton, Wisconsin, which is in Rock County and attended college at the University of Minnesota as well as the University of Wisconsin. She studied Sociology with a minor in social research and statistical analysis. Please give her a warm welcome at upcoming UCR training sessions.



Yvonne Hagen began employment with OJA in August of 2001 as the agency Information Systems Specialist. She worked at the Educational Approval Board as Webmaster and developed and managed the database for the Private-Post Secondary School's sector of education. Yvonne grew up in Rio, Wisconsin. She received a Bachelor's of Science from the

University of Wisconsin-Madison in Agriculture and is currently working on her second Associate Degree in the Information Technology field.

We are all excited to have **Lynn Sheppard** working with us. Lynn is working in a project position that focuses on providing technical support in the continuing development and implementation of Incident Based Crime Reporting (IBR). Lynn received a degree from Ottumwa, Iowa in Computer Programming and Systems Analysis. She has had extensive experience in application development. Lynn has worked on conversion of mainframe systems to client/server applications and has designed and coded three tier architecture using Visual Basic and Microsoft SQL Server.

UCR Deadlines

Many agencies recently received letters about late UCR reports, with a final deadline of January 31. **If you have not already submitted them, please get your reports in ASAP to avoid holds on grant funding!** There are some agencies that are experiencing computer problems and therefore have not been able to submit timely reports. These agencies should contact Aura Brosnan, if they haven't already done so.

UCR Training

As usual, we will conduct regular UCR training sessions at various sites around the State this summer. We may include registration forms in the newsletter in early June, but in the meantime agencies can register for training on our web site, which has been recently updated. However, please call if your agency has an immediate need for such training. We can often put together a regional or individual session, either at your agency or at our office.

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UCR Reports

Agency Reports

Those agencies that want an individualized annual report covering one or more years can request them now. All other Wisconsin agencies will receive a letter summarizing their 2000 UCR crime and arrest statistics by mid - June.

1999 CRIME AND ARREST REPORT

After many delays, our 1999 Crime and Arrest has finally gone to the printer! The entire publication is currently getting put on the OJA web site. The report should be mailed to each contributing agency by the end of March. We apologize for the long delay.

2000 CRIME AND ARREST REPORT

Data entry and edits are complete on all 2000 UCR reports. We are beginning the process of producing the 2000 Crime and Arrest Report. We hope to complete this report and mail a copy to all contributors by the middle of August.

2001 CRIME AND ARREST REPORT

Most agencies have been working to submit their UCR data by the deadline. We have been working on keying this information into our database. As other reports and edits come in, we are beginning preparation for the final report.

UCR Scoring Issues

General

For those agencies submitting computer-generated UCR forms, please make sure that the font size is readable and the numbers are clear for our data entry.

Do not use tick marks (///) on any UCR forms! Instead, please indicate the actual number. Is “//” two or eleven?

Make sure to complete all total lines on the various UCR forms, especially the two arrest forms. Also, remember to combine male and female arrestees when completing the age and race totals.

Sexual Assault

You cannot score an offense code 6 (statutory rape) when the victim is less than 10 years of age.

If both parties to a consensual sexual act are under 16, remember that two sexual assaults are counted – each party is both “victim” and “offender.”

Wisconsin Incident Based Reporting System (WIBRS)

OJA is in the process of implementing the incident based reporting system. The WIBRS system of reporting expands upon the data currently collected for Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR). The system should become available sometime 2002. If you choose to participate in incident base reporting, you will no longer have to report UCR data. We are currently working with three agencies (West Allis, Green Bay, and Dane County) as initial beta testers of the WIBRS. If you would like to participate in incident based reporting, please contact Lynn Sheppard, Information Systems Specialist, at 608-264-7883. Information is also available on the web site: <http://oja.state.wi.us>

UCR Contacts

Enclosed with this newsletter is a contact information form. Please be sure at least one person from your agency fills this out, and includes appropriate email addresses! By updating our database, we will be able to better serve you in the future.

UCR Supply Requests

UCR supply requests are done every other Friday unless there is an immediate need.

Web Site

Our web site has been updated to a much more attractive version! OJA maintains this site, providing a variety of material including the most recent versions of annual publications such as Crime and Arrests in Wisconsin, Sexual Assaults in Wisconsin, Drug Arrests in Wisconsin, Arrests of Juveniles in Wisconsin, and Wisconsin Adult Jail Report. The web site also contains various grant-related material including application forms.

The site may be accessed at the following address:

HTTP://OJA.STATE.WI.US. Any comments on this web page including suggestions for changes and additions are appreciated.

Anti-Drug Task Forces

Task Force Arrests and UCR

To ensure that your agency receives its full share of Byrne Task Force grant funds, please make sure that all 2001 Task Force drug arrests are also included in the appropriate UCR submissions.